

HONORING FOUR CHAPLAINS
SUNDAY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Four Chaplains Sunday.

February 3, 2023 will mark the 80th anniversary of the sinking of troopship *USAT Dorchester*, which carried to their deaths 672 men, including 4 United States Army chaplains of 3 faiths who stood united in prayer as the ship went down.

These 4 chaplains, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant, gave their life jackets to 4 soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others.

The heroic deeds of Chaplains Lt. George L. Fox, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Lt. Johnny P. Washington, and Lt. Clark V. Poling, and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom, are an inspiring and shining example of real brotherhood for all time to the people of the world.

In 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to the chaplains' next of kin, and in 1961, President Eisenhower awarded a special Medal for heroism, a one-time award authorized by Congress and intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

We must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice to the common cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been in vain. May their memory be everlasting.

RECOGNIZING SARTELL POLICE
CHIEF JIM HUGHES

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Sartell Police Chief Jim Hughes. Chief Hughes is retiring this March after more than 32 years of service to the Sartell community.

Chief Hughes began his career as a patrol officer in Kasson, Minnesota, and later served as the interim Chief of Police for the City of Claremont, Minnesota. He began his career in Sartell in 1991, holding key positions in nearly every area of the department. Chief Hughes served as a field training officer, a sergeant, and a lieutenant before being appointed chief in 2004. He also currently serves as the Chair of the Central Minnesota Violent Offender Task Force and Chair of the State of Minnesota Violent Crime Coordinating Council.

After more than 30 years in Sartell, Jim has seen the city grow from a few thousand to nearly 20,000 residents. This increase has resulted in both a shift in the needs of the community and the responsibilities of the department, which Chief Hughes has handled masterfully.

In his resignation letter, Chief Hughes described the importance of connecting with and being engaged in the community. "My favorite part of being with the Sartell Police Depart-

ment is that we've remained committed to our community via outreach programs and the interaction we have with residents on a daily basis," he said. Clearly, Chief Hughes understood what it meant to not only protect his community but truly serve them.

I thank Chief Hughes for the incredible impact he has had on the Sartell Police Department and the community of Sartell at large. Congratulations, and we hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote Nos. 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 on January 24–25, 2023, due to the shooting in Half Moon Bay, California in my Congressional District. I would have voted as follows:

Had I been present, on Roll Call No. 32, I would have voted YES; on Roll Call No. 33, I would have voted YES; on Roll Call No. 34, I would have voted YES; on Roll Call No. 35, I would have voted YES; and on Roll Call No. 36, I would have voted YES.

CELEBRATING ROBERT "BOB"
WIECKOWSKI

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize former California State Senator Robert "Bob" Wieckowski, who left office Monday, December 5, 2022, after 12 years serving in the California State Legislature.

Bob was born in San Francisco and grew up in Fremont, California. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1977 and moved to Washington, D.C. to serve as staff for Congressman Don Edwards until 1982. He returned to school and received a Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University Law School in 1985. From 1986 until 1988, Bob studied Polish in Krakow, Poland.

While practicing bankruptcy law, Bob began his political career serving on Fremont's City Council from 2004 to 2010 and served as vice mayor from 2008 to 2010. From there, Bob was elected to the California State Assembly to serve District 25 in 2010. He served as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, Insurance Committee, Health Committee, Public Employment and Retirement Committee, and Social Security Committee. He also launched his "Made in California Jobs Initiative" in 2011.

In 2014, Bob was elected to the California State Senate to represent District 10. In that chamber he served on the Judiciary Committee, Transportation Committee, Appropriations Committee, Budget, and Fiscal Review Committee, Housing Committee, and Chaired the Environmental Quality Committee. Notably, Bob passed legislation that expanded housing by removing barriers and allowing residents to construct accessory dwelling units through, in-

creased wage garnishment restrictions, and pushed for more robust climate adaptation.

For 12 years, Bob Wieckowski diligently served in the California State Legislature, serving our mutual constituents. His work has left a lasting impact on the Tri-City community and California more broadly. I wish him well-deserved rest and relaxation with his wife, Sue, and son, Luke, as he enters this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
KITTY HAWK POLICE CHIEF
JOEL JOHNSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative GREG MURPHY, to honor the 30 years of service of Kitty Hawk Police Chief Joel Johnson to the Town of Kitty Hawk and the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Chief Johnson started his career with the Kill Devil Hills Police Department in North Carolina in 1989 and served there until 1993 when he decided to attend a school of higher education. He then served in Wrightsville Beach from 1997 to 1998. Soon after, he began his service with the Kitty Hawk Police Department in September 1999 as a Patrol Officer. He briefly moved to the private sector in 2004 before returning to the Kitty Hawk Police Department in 2006. He then worked his way up to Patrol Sergeant, and ultimately up to Police Chief.

Chief Johnson accomplished a great deal as Police Chief. Some of his many accomplishments include successfully applying for over \$400,000 in federal and state grant funds, creating and implementing a new Field Training Officer Manual for rookie officers, creating and hiring the first Narcotics Officer for the Kitty Hawk Police Department, and installing an RX Drug box in the department's lobby for people to discard their prescription medications.

Chief Johnson frequently went above and beyond his expected duties. He conducted ride-alongs, served as part of the Nags Head Police Chief Assessment Board and the Kitty Hawk Fire Chief selection committee—and even changed a distressed tourist's flat tire.

Throughout his career, Chief Johnson helped a countless number of people, who described him as compassionate, professional, and dedicated—the ideal Police Chief. Under his command, the department excellently served and built a strong, trusting relationship with the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others in honoring the service of Kitty Hawk Police Chief Joel Johnson. May God bless Chief Johnson and his family.

HONORING JACK GIBSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Jack Gibson's 28 years of service as Marin Municipal Water District's (Marin Water) Division I Director.

A longtime resident of Sleepy Hollow, Mr. Gibson is a proud graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law and has worked as an attorney since 1971. In this capacity, he has spent countless hours sharing his professional expertise with his community, providing pro bona legal services to several local nonprofit organizations and serving on their boards of directors. He owns his own practice in Marin County, where he specializes in business, estate planning, and real estate law. In 1994, Mr. Gibson was elected to serve as a Marin Municipal Water District director.

Throughout his tenure on Marin Water, Director Gibson distinguished himself as a stalwart advocate for the communities of Marin Water Division I, including Gallinas Valley, Sleepy Hollow, Marinwood, and the coast north of McNears Beach to John F. Mcinnis Park. He worked productively on many district committees, including Watershed, Finance, Communications & Water Efficiency, and others. He was known for his open-minded approach toward problem solving and never shying away from developing and considering innovative solutions.

In addition to his service as a director, Mr. Gibson developed a renowned legacy for building alliances with other resource agencies and government partners. During his extensive tenure on the Marin Water Board of Directors, he was a key advocate for cooperative efforts and coordination between water managers and staff in the North Bay. Toward this end, he faithfully represented Marin Municipal Water District on multiple regional committees, including the North Bay Watershed Association, the North Bay Water Reuse Authority, the Mayors and City Councils of Marin Group, the Sonoma County Water Association Contractor's Water Advisory Committee, the Community Choice Aggregation, and OneTam.

Mr. Gibson is both a teacher and student of history. Prior to his law and water district careers, he taught history in San Francisco. Later, drawing on his extensive knowledge and research skills, he went on to author Mount Tamalpais and the Marin Municipal Water District, a comprehensive history of Mount Tamalpais and its adjacent watersheds, and of the water district formed to preserve natural sites and resources for community use.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gibson exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant and environmental steward. His dedicated service to the Marin Water and to the people of Division I has played a significant role in resource conservation and land management in Marin County. Therefore, please join us in congratulating him for decades of inspiring work.

RECOGNIZING ESTHER GEORGE'S
RETIREMENT FROM THE FEDERAL
RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS
CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the decades-long career of Esther George, who has served as the President and

CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City since October 2011. Having made the Federal Reserve Bank her professional home since 1982, Esther has dedicated 40 years to helping ensure the financial well-being of the United States. With her retirement nearing, let us take a moment to reflect on Esther's illustrious career and her efforts to steer our country's economy through periods of historic uncertainty.

Born on January 15, 1958, in Faucett, Missouri—a rural farming community in the northwestern part of the state—Esther remembers getting paid 25 cents an hour while working on her family's plot of land. After learning about an opportunity for high school students to study abroad in France, Esther secured a loan from a bank in St. Joseph, Missouri to cover the costs of the foreign exchange program. Representing her first meaningful visit to a local bank, this experience sparked Esther's lifelong interest in banking, and she soon began working at the institution while still in high school. While earning her degree in Business Administration from Missouri Western State University, Esther continued to work at the bank that had helped facilitate her trip to France, thereby expanding her knowledge of community banking while gaining an even deeper appreciation for the ways in which well-run banks can empower everyday people. Making use of another bank loan, Esther returned to Europe during her college years to study the finer points of international banking.

Made aware of job openings at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City through a newspaper ad, Esther joined the Bank on April 5, 1982, as a bank examiner trainee. At the time of her hiring, the banking industry was going through a period of relative stability. This smooth sailing, however, gave way to rough and stormy seas when the failure of a bank in Oklahoma City initiated a financial crisis whose waves of volatility crashed most violently against the Federal Reserve's 10th District, where Esther had begun working just 3 months earlier. This baptism by fire made clear the importance of the Federal Reserve's role in safeguarding America's financial system, and Esther quickly began rising up the ranks. Promoted 3 times by 1984, the young banker worked tirelessly to lessen the impacts of this financial storm.

Esther went on to earn an MBA from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in addition to graduating from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking and the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Esther held leading positions within the Bank's research, public affairs, and human resources departments before taking the reins of the Bank's Division of Supervision and Risk Management in August 2001, making her the chief regulator of the Federal Reserve's 10th District. In this role, Esther oversaw the regulation of the District's 200 state-chartered member banks along with 1000 bank and financial holding companies. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Esther's responsibilities took on even greater significance as our country's financial system was made to appear vulnerable. Once again, Esther rose to the occasion and did her part in minimizing the harm inflicted to America's economy.

In 2009, Esther became the Bank's Chief Operating Officer and assumed additional duties as the Director of the Federal Reserve's

Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation at the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. With the United States in the grips of the Great Recession, Esther answered the call to offer her wisdom and expertise to a weary nation. And in 2011, Esther was appointed President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. In this position, Esther has overseen the 10th District of the Federal Reserve, which includes western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, and northern New Mexico. Leading a team of over 2000 employees at the Bank's Kansas City office and Branch offices in Denver, Oklahoma City, and Omaha, Esther has helped shape our country's monetary policy, supervised financial institutions, and provided payment and financial services to depository institutions and the U.S. Treasury. Notably, the 10th District's workforce has more than doubled since Esther took command in 2011—a testament to her vision and leadership capabilities. Moreover, as a voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee, Esther has consistently stood out as an independent voice of reason during monetary policy deliberations.

Esther has participated in the Bank for International Settlements' Financial Stability Institute programs in countries all around the world, and as the host of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's annual Jackson Hole Economic Symposium, Esther has used her influence to ensure that women are afforded equal opportunities to offer their insights on pressing economic matters.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Esther George in recognition of 40 years of public service at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. On behalf of the 118th Congress, I wish Esther a joyous retirement.

RECOGNIZING CAROL BUSH

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and legacy of a remarkable woman, Mrs. Carol Bush. Carol was born in 1926 in Milwaukee, and her family moved to the Green Bay area in 1942. Carol began her notable legacy of volunteerism while she attended East Green Bay High School, where she would read to other local school students. Following her graduation from Beloit College and after years as an instructor at Wayland Academy, Carol married the love of her life, Robert Bush. While Carol and Robert dedicated numerous hours to making Northeast Wisconsin a great place to raise a family, they raised a family of their own welcoming Tracy, Terry, Thomas, and Toni into the world.

Given Carol's eagerness to help others throughout her community, she utilized her strengths in leadership and communication skills and became the first female president of Curative Workshop and the first woman to serve on the YMCA Board of Directors. Throughout her decades of service, Carol led and was involved with several initiatives that supported individuals and families in Northeast Wisconsin. Among the many notable organizations, Carol was an active member of the St. Norbert Board of Trustees, a member of the Heritage Hill Foundation, and founder of the